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For: **METHODS OF IDENTIFYING AGENTS WHICH ENHANCE
CASPASE ACTIVITY (As Amended)**

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This Amendment After Final Rejection is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 27, 2006 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

An extension of time and a Notice of Appeal from the Final Office Action dated July 27, 2006, with appropriate fees, are being filed concurrently. It is believed that the Notice of Appeal is not necessary because, upon entry of this Amendment, there will no longer be any rejected claims to appeal. The Notice of Appeal is being filed in abundance of caution to preserve pendency.

Please amend the Application as follows:

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